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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: ISRAEL ARAFAT POWELL VISITS IRAQ

¶1. SUMMARY: ISRAEL'S DEBATE ON EXPELLING PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT YASIR ARAFAT AND THE VISIT OF SECRETARY OF STATE COLIN POWELL TO IRAQ DOMINATED COVERAGE IN UAE PRINT AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA. AN

"AL KHALEEJ" EDITORIAL COMMENTED ON ISRAEL'S DEBATE ON EXPELLING THE PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT. ANOTHER EDITORIAL IN "AKHBAR AL ARAB" DEBATED THE MOTIVES BEHIND ISRAEL'S DECISION TO EXPEL ARAFAT. IN "AL ITTIHAD," COLUMNIST DR. SHAMLAN AL EISSA DESCRIBES THE AFTERMATH OF 9/11 AND WHY ARABS SHOULD SUPPORT THE US IN THE WAR ON TERROR. END SUMMARY.

¶2. COMMENTING ON ISRAEL'S DEBATE TO EXPEL ARAFAT AND THE U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN THIS, ABU DHABI-BASED SEMI-GOVERNMENT "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIALIZED 9/15:

"... WHAT SHARON IS SUGGESTING, WOULD NOT HAVE COME OUT OF ITS SHELTER IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE DOUBLE STANDARDS OF THE PEACE MEDIATOR'S DEALINGS WITH THE TWO SIDES OF CONFLICT. IT (THE US) DROWNS ISRAEL WITH PROTECTION AND SUPPORT ... BUT IT FORBIDS AND PROHIBITS THE PALESTINIANS FROM THE SIMPLEST HUMANE REGULATIONS ..."

¶2. UNDER THE HEADLINE, "GIVE IRAQI COUNCIL MORE POWERS," ENGLISH-LANGUAGE, EXPATRIATE-ORIENTED GULF NEWS EDITORIALIZED 9/15:

"THE FIVE VETO-WIELDING PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL HAVE FAILED TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES ON HOW TO OFFER IRAQ A FUTURE, AND HAVE LET THE IRAQI PEOPLE DOWN BADLY ... AS A WAY AROUND THE LACK OF UN AGREEMENT, US SECRETARY OF STATE COLIN POWELL HAS ASKED FOR MORE NON-AMERICAN TROOPS IN IRAQ TO SUPPORT THE COALITION. TWENTY-NINE NATIONS ARE PART OF THE FORCE AT THE MOMENT, AND 14 MORE ARE EXPECTED TO JOIN THE AMERICANS AND BRITISH ... THE INTERIM IRAQI ADMINISTRATION SHOULD BE GIVEN MORE POWERS, BACKED BY COALITION FORCES WHICH GIVE WAY TO A NEW UN-APPROVED FORCE VERY SOON. THE PRESENT LACK OF MOMENTUM IN THIS DIRECTION IS CREATING INSTABILITY, AND WEAKENING THE CHANCES OF LONG-TERM SUCCESS EVERY WEEK THAT IT CONTINUES."

¶3. CLAIMING THAT ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER ARIEL SHARON HAS ALWAYS PLANNED TO EXPEL PRESIDENT ARAFAT, ABU DHABI-BASED PAN-ARAB DAILY "AKHBAR AL ARAB" EDITORIALIZED 9/14:

"... IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, LEAD BY THE OLD WAR CRIMINAL, SHARON, IS STILL OVERWHELMED WITH ITS PLANS NOT ONLY TO EXPEL THE PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT, BUT ALSO TO ERASE ANY PALESTINIAN FROM RULING PALESTINIAN LANDS ..."

¶4. COMMENTING ON 9/11 AND ITS AFTERMATH, DR. SHAMLAN AL EIESSA WROTE IN "AL ITTIHAD" ON 9/14:

"... THE FIRST THING THE U.S. DID AFTER 9/11 WAS LIBERATE AFGHANISTAN FROM THE ISLAMIC 'TALIBAN' GROUP, WHICH TRAINED AND SUPPORTED OSAMA BIN LADIN AND ALL THE ARAB TERRORISTS WHO SUPPORTED HIM ... THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN RIYADH, CASABLANCA, KUWAIT, ALGERIA, AND YEMEN TARGETED THESE GOVERNMENTS AND AIMED TO CHANGE THEM AND REPLACE THEM WITH A REGIME SIMILAR TO THE 'TALIBAN' REGIME IN AFGHANISTAN ... THAT IS WHY IT IS NOT STRANGE THAT THE GULF COUNTRIES AND OTHER CIVILIZED ARAB COUNTRIES SUPPORT THE U.S. IN THEIR WAR AGAINST ISLAMIC TERRORIST MOVEMENTS ... THE BIGGEST LOSER OF 9/11 IS ALL HUMANITY FROM THE SPREAD OF A TERRORISM THAT DOES NOT RESPECT THE SIMPLEST HUMAN RULE, WHICH IS THE HUMAN SOUL ... WE ARABS, ESPECIALLY GULF ARABS, PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORTING THE RADICAL ISLAMIC THOUGHTS BY FOLLOWING THESE RADICAL STREAMS ... TODAY, WE SHOULD, AND WITHOUT HESITATION, SUPPORT THE U.S. IN ITS WAR AGAINST TERRORISM IN IRAQ, BECAUSE IF WE DON'T, WE WILL BE THE NEXT VICTIM OF TERRORISM."

¶5. COMMENTING ON ISRAEL'S DEBATE TO EXPEL PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT YASIR ARAFAT, SHARJAH-BASED PAN-ARAB DAILY "AL-KHALEEJ" EDITORIALIZED 9/13:

"... THE INTERNATIONAL WARNINGS AND RESPONSES TO THE DANGERS OF EXPELLING THE PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT LEAD ISRAEL TO A REAL POLITICAL CRISIS, ESPECIALLY WITH WIDESPREAD AGREEMENT THAT HE (PRESIDENT ARAFAT) IS THE LEGIMATELY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AND THAT THE DECISION TO EXPEL HIM IS CONSIDERED 'A BIG MISTAKE,' 'A FATAL HIT FOR PEACE EFFORTS,' AND 'HAS NO WISDOM,' ALL WHICH WILL LEAD TO 'CATASTROPHIC CONSEQUENCES.' THE RESPONSES TO SHARON'S DECISION ESTABLISHED THAT THE PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT IS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVE ... FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, IT IS HARD TO

THINK OF ELIMINATING OR DISREGARDING HIM ..."

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